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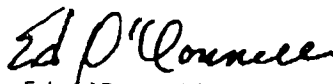
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express to you my support of the settlement that was agreed upon between Microsoft and the federal government. I sincerely hope that this is the end of any more litigation on the federal level.

Taking into account the terms of the agreement, Microsoft certainly did not get off with just a warning. In fact, Microsoft is now left to make several significant changes in the way that they handle their business. For example, Microsoft has agreed to make available to its competitors any protocols implemented in Windows' operating system products that are used to interoperate natively with any Microsoft server operating system. Microsoft has also agreed to disclose and document for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. That alone is a first in an antitrust settlement.

With the many terms of the agreement, there should be no reason for the government to consider pursuing further litigation on any level.

Sincerely,

  
Ed O'Donnell